findings of the committee on each of these bulk drugs;

(d) whether Government have taken any decision on the findings of the Standing Committee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Sir, a large number of representations pointing out various anomalies in the Kelkar Committee, including wrong inclusion/ exclusion of bulk drugs from price control under DPCO 1987, have been received. All these representations have been since examined by the Standing Committee whose recommendations are presently under consideration of the Government.

Imposition of duly and withdrawal of duty exemption on bulk drugs and inputs of drugs

2083. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 667 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and inputs of drugs where Government have received requests for imposing of duty and withdrawing of duty exemption during 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that availability of drug for Aids i.e. AZT is held up on account of duty exemption on its input;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have received requests for imposition of duty on Vinblastine Vincrestine, Danazol and Etoposide;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether it is also a fact that custom duty is zero on Etoposide formulations and excise duty on inputs for Production of bulk drug; and

(g) if so, what steps have been taken to take uniform action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Duty rationalisation on bulk drugs, intermediates and finished medicines is an on going process. Requests for hike or reduction in duty keep on coming and after consideration and examination in this Department, these are recommended to Department of Revenue which takes final decision in this regard.

(b) and (c) The proposal for duty exemption on import of inter-mediate for bulk drug AZT was sent to Ministry of Finance in May, 1991.

(d) and (e) The Government have received the request for imposition of duty on formulations of Etoposide only which is under consideration and examination.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The request for withdrawal of customs duty concession on Etoposide formulatios and excise duty exemption on Etoposide bulk drug is under consideration and examination.

Revision of prices of drugs

2084. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs where Government have revised the prices from 1st January, 1991 to 30th November, 1991;

(b) what was the price of each before revision and what is the present price;

(c) what are the names of drugs where prices have been revised based on the recommendations of BICP and when recommendation was received;

(d) what are the names of drugs where Government revised prices on *suo motto* basis without any cost-cum-technical study and what is the percentage of increase in each case;

(e) whether it is a fact that *suo-motto* situation has been used to obtain dealer-